

1. A method of resetting a key for accessing a computer program, comprising:
setting a flag to indicate that the key is to be reset;
starting a process associated with the program;
determining, when the process has been started, whether the flag is set; and
5 resetting the key to a default value based on the flag.
2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein starting the process comprises requiring
sufficient privileges to start the process.
- 10 3. The method as recited in claim 2, further comprising logging in with sufficient privileges
to start the process.
4. The method as recited in claim 2, wherein the flag is an environment variable.
- 15 5. The method as recited in claim 4, wherein resetting the key to a default value includes
instructing a database system to reset the key.
6. The method as recited in claim 4, further comprising unsetting the flag.
- 20 7. The method as recited in claim 6, further comprising starting the process again.
8. The method as recited in claim 6, further comprising changing the key from the default
value to a secure value.

9. A system for resetting a key for accessing a computer program, comprising a computer configured to:

determine whether a flag is set, when a process associated with the computer program is started; and

reset the key to a default value, based on the flag.

10. The system as recited in claim 9, further configured to require administrator privileges to start the process.

11. The system as recited in claim 10, wherein the flag is an environment variable.

12. The system as recited in claim 11, further comprising a database system configured to store the key, and wherein the system is configured to reset the key by instructing the database system to reset the key.

13. The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the key is associated with an administrator account for accessing the computer program.

14. The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the computer program executes on the computer.

15. The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the computer program executes on a second computer.

16. A computer program product for resetting a key for accessing a computer program,
5 comprising a computer usable medium having machine readable code embodied therein for:

determining whether a flag is set, when a process associated with the computer program is started; and

resetting the key to a default value, based on the flag.

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17. The computer program product as recited in claim 16, further comprising a database system configured to store the key, and wherein resetting the key includes instructing the database system to reset the key.

15 18. The computer program product as recited in claim 16, wherein the key is associated with an administrator account for accessing the computer program.

19. The computer program product as recited in claim 16, further comprising code for requiring sufficient privileges to start the process.

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20. The computer program product as recited in claim 16, further comprising code for changing the key from the default value to a secure value.